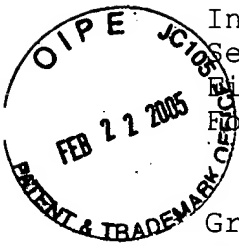


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.  
Serial No.: 09/715,714  
Filing Date: 11/17/2000  
For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR  
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR SECURING A GRAFT  
LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow  
Attorney's Docket No.: INNO-31

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed October 18, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from January 18, 2005 to February 18, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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